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REF: (A) USNATO 5703 DTG 202108Z JUN 77, (B) STATE 111682
DTG 161519Z MAY 77 (NOTAL)

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SUMMARY: AT THE JULY 8, 1977 COUNCIL OPERATIONS AND EXERCISES COMMITTEE (COEC) MEETING THE CHAIRMAN (MACBRIEN) ANNOUNCED THAT EXERCISE WINTEX/CIMEX 79 WOULD BE ADDRESSED AT THE DPC MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JULY 13, 1977. HE NOTED THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL WOULD MAKE A BRIEF STATEMENT GENERALLY SUPPORTIVE OF NATO SPONSORSHIP OF THE EXERCISE. ACTION REQUESTED: SEE PARA 5 BELOW. END SUMMARY.

1. AT THE JULY 8 COEC MEETING UNDER ANY OTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN NOTIFIED THE GROUP THAT WINTEX/CIMEX 79 WOULD BE
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PLACED ON THE DPC AGENDA FOR JULY 13, 1977.

2. HE NOTED THAT AT THE SCEPC MEETING HELD IN LATE JUNE THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT BY THE REPRESENTATIVES THAT CIMEX PLAY IN WINTEX/CIMEX 79 WAS FEASIBLE PROVIDED IT WAS SOMEWHAT RESTRICTED. COMMENT: THIS TRACKS WITH OUR UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT TRANSPIRED AT THE SCEPC MEETING. END

COMMENT.

3. MACBRIEN THEN SURVEYED THE MEMBERS OF THE COEC TO DETERMINE THEIR FEELING TOWARD NATIONAL AGREEMENT FOR A WINTEX/CIMEX 79. WITH ONLY MINOR RESERVATIONS, MOST REPRESENTATIVES STATED THAT THEIR NATION WOULD SUPPORT PO/77/95 (REF A). THIS REPRESENTS A SIGNIFICANT TURN-AROUND ON THE PART OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, AS WELL AS SEVERAL OTHER NATIONS. THE NETHERLANDS AND CANADA CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN SOME RESERVATION. SPEAKING PERSONALLY, THE NETHERLANDS REP (HOFMAN) NOTED THAT COSTS HAD NOT YET BEEN CONSIDERED BUT IT IS OUR VIEW THAT THE NETHERLANDS PROBABLY WILL GO ALONG WITH THE CONSENSUS. THE CANADIAN REP (LUNN) AGAIN NOTED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT EXPAND PLAY IN THE WINTEX/CIMEX SERIES, PARTICULARLY IF HILEX-8 IS CONDUCTED. COMMENT: IT IS OUR READING THAT CANADA WILL GO ALONG WITH WINTEX/CIMEX PROVIDED PARTICIPATION DOES NOT EXCEED THAT OF PAST EXERCISES, THAT IS, FIVE OR SIX DAYS.

4. WE BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD SUPPORT PO/77/95 AND AGREE TO THE CONDUCT OF WINTEX/CIMEX 79 AS PROPOSED BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL.

5. WE BELIEVE THAT GUIDANCE CONTAINED IN REF B IS SUFFICIENT TO SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATION FOR PLAY OF WINTEX/CIMEX 79. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE BY OOB JULY 12. STREATOR
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